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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: TIKAL CRASH

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1. UPON RECEIPT DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION THAT NO FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EMBALMING REMAINS TIKAL CRASH VICTIMS, EMBASSY NOTIFIED FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO STATED HE WOULD TURN BODIES OVER TO GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR PUBLIC BURIAL MONDAY.

2. AROUND 2200, LEADER LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY CALLED EMBASSY TO STATE HIS GROUP WILLING PROVIDE CASKETS AND INTERMENT JEWISH CEMETERY FOR ALL VICTIMS, AND DEPARTMENT SO INFORMED BY TELEPHONE.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, AROUND 2330, EMBASSY ADVISED ATTORNEY JACQUA, REPRESENTING BURGETT FAMILY AND ACCOMPANYING MRS. BURGETT'S UNCLE IN GUATEMALA, OF JEWISH COMMUNITY OFFER. MR. JACQUA STATED HE UNWILLING FOR HIS NON-JEWISH FRIENDS BE INTERRED JEWISH CEMETERY. STATED HE WILL INFORM OHIO PRESS, HIS CONGRESSMAN, AND HIS SENATOR OF USG FAILURE TO ASSIST ITS CITIZENS IN TRAGEDIES ABROAD. HE INSISTS THAT BODIES BE EMBALMED AND FLOWN TO U.S. AT USG EXPENSE, AND HE UNWILLING CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE OF MASS BURIAL PUBLIC CEMETERY.

4. WIDOWS OF ALBERT LEVY AND CHARLES HOROWITZ DESIRE BURIAL IN JEWISH CEMETERY MONDAY BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. SINCE BODIES OF BURGETTS, LEVY AND HOROWITZ CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED HERE, EMBASSY AT IMPASSE.

6. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. ANDREWS

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